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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Amendment***

1. The proposed amendment submitted 29 AUG 2008 will not be entered as addressed in Form PTOL-303.
  - a. The proposed amendment raises new issues for search and consideration, as several claims now require the subject matter of Claims 8-9 as incorporated into Claim 1 which did not require them before now.
  - b. The proposed amendment is not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal, as it does not materially reduce or simplify the issues for appeal (see above).

### ***Response to Arguments***

2. Applicant's arguments filed 29 AUG 2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.
  - c. Applicant argues that the present invention has advantages of saving time, lowering adsorption of particles to the substrate, and preventing defects in the drying process. Examiner respectfully points out that these advantages are not currently claimed subject matter.
  - d. Applicant argues that neither Satoi nor Fairbairn teaches that the stacked process modules perform different functions. Examiner respectfully disagrees and refers Applicant to Claim 1 of Fairbairn, wherein the first and second

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processing modules are required to perform different functions. This clearly teaches that modules to perform different processes can be stacked to save floor space as discussed elsewhere in Fairbairn.

3. All grounds of rejection from the prior Office Action are maintained.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MICHAEL G. MILLER whose telephone number is (571)270-1861. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7-4.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Cleveland can be reached on (571)272-1418. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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